GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DIVERSION OF FUNDS UNDER RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government and CBI have reports of diversion and siphoningof crores of rupees by the Uttar Pradesh Government officials meant for Rural Development Scheme as mentioned in Hindustan Times dated 03, February 2003;

(b) if so, the details and the facts in this regard;

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government against the guilty officials; and

(d) steps being taken to check recurrence of such cases in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been alleged that three Senior Officers were running two voluntaryorganizations under the names of Gram Vikas Sansthan and Palas, through their wives and relatives, which were allocated funds out of Central Grants received from IntegratedWastelands Development Programme, to the tune of Rs. 20 crores. Allegations of embezzlement and financial irregularities have been made.

(c) The Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh has been requested to notifythe consent of the State Government to undertake investigation in the matter.

(d) The Ministry of Rural Development has been taking steps to strengthenmonitoring and has also reconstituted Vigilance & Monitoring Committees at State & District levels.